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Honorable Board of Commissioners
Community Development Commission of the
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Commissioners:

**ACCEPT IMPROVEMENT OF EDUCATION PROGRAM FUNDS FROM THE
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION FOR SOUTH WHITTIER COMMUNITY
RESOURCE CENTER COMPUTER LITERACY PROJECT
(Districts 1, 4) (3 Vote)**

SUBJECT:

This Board letter requests authority to accept from the U.S. Department of Education a \$143,449 grant in Improvement of Education Program funds. These funds will be used to provide on-going support to the computer learning center at the South Whittier Community Resource Center's Computer Literacy Project, which serves 35 low- to moderate-income children enrolled in the Center's After School Program as well as local community residents.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Find that approval of acceptance of a grant from the U.S. Department of Education for Improvement of Education Program funding, is not subject to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), as described herein, because the action is not defined as a project under CEQA.
2. Authorize the Acting Executive Director to accept from the U.S. Department of Education a \$143,449 grant of Improvement in Education funds to provide support to the computer learning center at the South Whittier Community Resource Center over a two-year period; and authorize the Acting Executive Director to execute all documents required for receipt of the grant.



3. Authorize the Acting Executive Director to incorporate \$71,724 of such funds into the Commission's approved Fiscal Year 2008-09 budget.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:

The purpose of this action is to authorize the Community Development Commission to accept from the Department of Education \$143,449 in Improvement of Education funds to provide support for the computer learning center for the SWCRC's Computer Literacy Project for 35 low- and moderate-income students as well as local community residents.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING:

There is no impact on the County general fund. The \$143,449 grant is for a two-year period; \$71,724 will be incorporated into the Commission's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget and \$71,725 will be included in the Commission's normal budget process for Fiscal Year 2009-2010.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:

The South Whittier Community Resource Center (SWCRC) is a partnership between the Commission, which owns and operates the SWCRC, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the City of Santa Fe Springs, and the local community. The SWCRC serves a population of over 55,000, of which approximately 43% are considered to be of low- to moderate-income. The After School Program consists of 35 students from low- and moderate-income families. Participants receive supervised homework assistance, guidance in the development of school reports and projects, and reading sessions.

The U.S. Department of Education Appropriations Act of 2008 provided \$143,449 under the Fund for the Improvement of Education program to the SWCRC's Computer Literacy Project. The goal of the grant is to provide a computer center which supports computer literacy by teaching school children and community residents the benefit of: (1) learning how to operate a computer; (2) learning how to communicate, conduct job searches, and gather educational research; and (3) learning how to self-sufficiently access resources and information through the SWCRC Computer Literacy Project.

To accept this grant, the Acting Executive Director will execute a grant agreement with the Department of Education. This is a two-year grant; \$71,724 will be incorporated into the Commission's Fiscal Year 2008-2009 budget and \$71,725 will be included in the Commission's Fiscal Year 2009-2010 budget process.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION:

This action is exempt from the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act pursuant to 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 58, Section 58.34 (a)(4) because it involves public service activities that will not have a physical impact on or result in any physical changes to the environment. The activity is not subject to the provisions of CEQA pursuant to State CEQA Guidelines 15060(c)(3) and 15378 because it is not defined as a project under CEQA and does not have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT PROGRAMS:

The grant will enable the SWCRC's Computer Literacy Project to serve the local community with programs and services to promote computer literacy and education.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "William K. Huang".

WILLIAM K. HUANG
Acting Executive Director